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In re the Application of

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For: MAGNETIC TRANSDUCER, THIN FILM MAGNETIC HEAD, METHOD OF MANUFACTURING MAGNETIC TRANSDUCER AND METHOD OF MANUFACTURING THIN FILM MAGNETIC HEAD

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Sir:

Prior to initial examination and in reply to the November 8, 2002 Restriction/Election Requirement, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-27 without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein.

Please add new claims 28-55 as follows:

--28. A magnetic transducer, comprising:

a nonmagnetic layer having a pair of surfaces opposing each other;
a soft magnetic layer formed on one surface of the nonmagnetic layer;
a ferromagnetic layer formed on the other surface of the nonmagnetic layer;
an antiferromagnetic layer formed on the ferromagnetic layer on the side opposite to the nonmagnetic layer;